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## UD TO HONOR PAST PRESIDENT AT SPRING COMMENCEMENT

DAYTON, Ohio, March 31, 1983 -- On Sunday, April 24, at 10 a.m., the University of Dayton will hold its spring commencement in the UD Arena. Among the 1,367 degree recipients will be Reverend Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., educator, civic leader, priest, and the sixteenth president of the University of Dayton. The University will bestow its highest honor, the Doctor of Humane Lettres, on Father Roesch.

Father Roesch is a 1936 graduate of UD and began teaching in the UD Department of Psychology in 1951. He served as chairman of that department from 1952 until 1959.

In 1959, at the age of 45, Father Roesch succeeded Father Andrew Seebold, S.M., as president. Father Roesch presided over the University during two decades of its greatest growth. In all, he witnessed the addition of nine new academic departments, six associate degree programs, eighteen bachelor's degree programs, and the reopening of the UD School of Law. Father Roesch, the "architect" of the UD campus, guided the planning, fund raising, and construction of twenty campus facilities.

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In 1979, Father Roesch's fellow alumni honored him with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Also in 1979, the Board of Trustees named the University library for Father Roesch and granted him the title president emeritus of the University of Dayton. Since his retirement, Father Roesch has completed a sabbatical in Rome, continued his development activities for UD, and is now serving as president of UD's sister school -- Chaminade University in Honolulu.

At this 133rd UD commencement there will be 728 men and 639 women receiving 21 associate degrees, 1,041 bachelor's degrees, 303 master's degrees, and 2 doctoral degrees.

A graduation Mass will be celebrated Saturday, April 23, at 4:30 p.m. in the UD Arena for the graduates and their families. Following Mass UD president Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., will host a reception in the Arena.